Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Distr.
LIMITED

UNEP/CMS/1997/L.9
14 April 1997

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

FIFTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Geneva, 10-16 April 1997

DRAFT RESOLUTION 5.9

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fifth Meeting (Geneva, 10-16 April 1997)

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,

Having regard to the recognition by the Conference of the Parties that financial resources in addition to the contributions of the Parties would facilitate implementation of the Convention;

Considering that, in its resolutions on financial and budgetary matters, the Conference of the Parties regularly invites Parties, non-Party Range States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations and other sources to contribute to the Trust Fund or to special activities, *inter alia* the implementation of the Convention in developing countries (Resolution 4.6, paragraphs 7 to 9), or takes into consideration potential voluntary contributions for certain special activities;

Aware that the Rules of the United Nations, as they apply to the receipt of funds which are administered by the United Nations Organization or one of the institutions administered by it, require that certain conditions, specified by the General Assembly, be met;

Recalling that, at its 13th and 14th meetings, the Standing Committee advised the Convention Secretariat to prepare draft guidelines for the acceptance of voluntary contributions, taking account of potentially similar such guidelines available for such matters for other environmental conventions;

Referring to the *Guidelines for acceptance of financial contributions*, adopted by the Standing Committee at its 15th meeting; and

Appreciating that the Standing Committee has invited the Conference of the Parties to endorse the Committee's decision;

Decides

a) that the *Guidelines for acceptance of financial contributions* attached hereto should be used as a basis for determining the future acceptance of voluntary contributions outside the framework of the Trust Fund; and

b) that these guidelines should be administered and updated by the Standing Committee as necessary and appropriate, taking account of the prevailing advice and instructions from the United Nations Environment Programme, and the needs and requirements of the Convention and the Conference of the Parties.